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Georges Bank Closed Area II Sea Scallop Exemption Fishery

(A preliminary monitoring report)

data updated on **06-Jul-00**

	Directed Scallop Fishery (meat weight)	Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch (live weight) Closed Area I & II
Total Allowable Catch (TAC)	6,468,179 lbs (2,934 mt)*	1,582,323 lbs (717.75 mt)*
Total Catch to date	872,482	314,464
% of TAC	13%	20%

* 2,204.56 lbs equal 1 metric ton (mt)

	Trips	Number of Vessels
Number of Trips¹	1	48
	2	22
	3	.
	4	.
	5	.
	6	.
Total Number of Participating Vessels	70	
Number of Scallop Fishing Trips¹	92	
Percentage of Observed Trips	45.7%	

This report is based on information provided daily by fishing vessels fishing via the weathertrac reporting system. The information provided includes only the weather trac system number unique to the vessel, the time and location when the report was transmitted, and the total amount of scallops caught since the previous report (lbs of meat). For vessels carrying observer, the report also includes the observed catch of scallops (lbs of meat) and the pounds of yellowtail flounder caught since the previous report. Determination of number of trips is based on there being a break of at least 1.5 days between reports and for vessels without observers a cumulative catch of scallops of at least 8,000 pounds, for vessels with an observer on board, a new trip was determined to have begun if there was a break of at least 1.5 days between reports and the vessel had a catch of at least 10,000 pounds of scallops. For a variety of reasons (e.g., gear or engine problems), there may have been a time lag between reports greater than 1.5 days for some vessels while still at sea.

The TAC for yellowtail flounder is for Closed Areas I and II combined.

There were no observed fishing trips for the first 4 days of the fishery (June 16-19, 2000). Thus yellowtail bycatch was estimated using the average bycatch ratio from observed trips from Jun 20-25. This revised report reflects a recalculation of the yellowtail bycatch.